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SUBJECT: ANDREW YOUNG INTERVIEW ON "MEET THE PRESS"

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM AN INTERVIEW OF ANDREW YOUNG
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ON NBC'S "MEET THE PRESS", JANUARY 2.

2. MR. MONROE: CONGRESSMAN, SOME BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS ARE
EXPECTED TO LAUNCH A MOVEMENT IN A MATTER OF WEEKS SEEKING
SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S
INTERNAL RACIAL POLICIES AND BECAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S
RELUCTANCE TO GO ALONG WITH INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA, OR

SOUTHWEST AFRICA. DO YOU SEE THE U. S. AS LIKELY TO SUPPORT SANCTIONS?

MR. YOUNG: I SEE THE UNITED STATES AS LIKELY TO HAVE A VERY AGGRESSIVE POLICY TO MOVE TOWARD MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. NOW, THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T REALLY HAD FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS.

I THINK WHEN THE NATIONS OF AFRICA REALIZE THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT MAJORITY RULE, THAT WE ARE MOVING DECISIVELY TO SUPPORT THE BRITISH IN RHODESIA, THAT WE WILL BACK U. N. EFFORTS TO PUSH FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION AND ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA. I THINK WE WILL

GET A NEW MEASURE OF COOPERATION FROM THE THIRD WORLD THAT HAS NOT BEEN THERE LARGELY BECAUSE THEY FELT WE DIDN'T CARE.

MR. MONROE: WHAT KIND OF SPECIFICS DO YOU SEE IN THIS POLICY YOU ENVISION OF AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING MAJORITY RULE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA? SANCTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE?

MR. YOUNG: NO, I DON'T SEE SANCTIONS. I WOULD SEE AN ARMS EMBARGO, OF COURSE, BUT SANCTIONS VERY SELDOM HAVE WORKED.

I THINK WHAT WE HAVE GOT TO DO IS FIND WAYS TO USE THE TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE WE HAVE TO MOVE TOWARD MAJORITY RULE.
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SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT UNIQUE. THERE ARE A HALF DOZEN OTHER -- PROBABLY MORE THAN THAT -- COUNTRIES THAT WE ARE IN SOME WAY INVOLVED WITH, WHERE WE DON'T LIKE THEIR INTERNAL POLICIES.

NOW, JUST HOW WE GO ABOUT ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO THAT IS ONE OF THE CHALLENGES OF THIS JOB. I DON'T REALLY KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS. I HAVE GOT SOME GOOD IDEAS. I AM CRITICIZED IN SOME RESPECTS BECAUSE I THINK THAT MY EXPERIENCES FROM THE SOUTH ARE SOMEWHAT RELEVANT, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS WE NOTED THERE WAS THAT CHANGE WAS PRIMARILY A RESULT OF AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE PRIVATE SECTION IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP FOLLOWED ALONG AFTERWARDS. I THINK THAT IS TO SOME

EXTENT POSSIBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA. I DON'T VIEW THE SOUTH AFRICAN WHITE COMMUNITY AS A MONOLITH AND I THINK THERE ARE FORCES WITHIN THAT COUNTRY THAT WILL RESPOND TO

EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES THAT MIGHT COME BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY FROM THE UNITED STATES.

MR. MONROE: DO YOU HAVE ANY SYMPATHY FOR THE WHITE MAJORITY IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN RHODESIA AND THEIR OBVIOUS FEAR OF BLACK MAJORITY GOVERNMENTS CONSIDERING HOW SOME OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN AFRICA HAVE WRECKED THE POLITICAL STABILITY OF THEIR COUNTRIES AND PROSPERITY?

MR. YOUNG: I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY FOR THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENTS. I HAVE SYMPATHY FOR ALL PEOPLE. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT FOUR MILLION WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA, I WOULDN'T WANT THEM DRIVEN INTO THE SEA ANY MORE THAN I WOULD WANT FOUR MILLION ISRAELIS DRIVEN INTO THE SEA.

-I THINK THAT MY POLICIES TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA NOT ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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STEM FROM WHAT IS GOOD FOR BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA, BUT IT STEMS FOR WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF HUMANKIND, AND I THINK THE FEARS OF THE WHITE COMMUNITY IN SOUTH AFRICA REALLY ARE LEADING THEM TO DESTROY THEMSELVES, AND THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS EN MASSE AND THE SOME 17,000 FIREARM INCIDENTS WHICH WERE REALLY WHITE-ON-WHITE CRIMES, GROWING OUT OF THE PARANOIA AND THE ANXIETY OF BEING IN THAT SITUATION, IS REALLY DESTROYING THEIR SOCIETY AS MUCH AS ANYTHING A BLACK MAJORITY IS DOING.

I AM JUST CONVINCED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER AND THAT RATIONAL PEOPLE CAN WORK OUT A WAY. WHAT WAY I AM NOT QUITE SURE.

MR. HUNT: MR. YOUNG, SPEAKING OF AFRICA AND OF NATIONS OF WHOSE POLICIES WE MAY DISAPPROVE, LET US TURN FOR A MOMENT TO UGANDA. THE PRESIDENT, IDI AMIN DADA, SOME YEARS AGO, FORCED THOUSANDS OF INDIANS TO LEAVE THAT COUNTRY AND IN THE PROCESS HUNDREDS OF THEM LOST THEIR LIVES.

ONE OF YOUR PREDECESSORS AT THE U.N., AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, CALLED AMIN DADA A RACIST MURDERER. WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ABOUT IDI AMIN?

MR. YOUNG: WELL, MY VIEWS ARE I SHOULD NOT EXPRESS ANY OPINIONS ABOUT NATIONAL LEADERS. THE TRAGEDY OF MY PREDECESSORS COMMENTS WERE THAT HE DIDN'T STOP THERE. HE WENT ON TO TALK ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND BY SO DOING Demeaned AN ENTIRE CONTINENT'S LEADERSHIP WHICH CERTAINLY DOESN'T FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF BEING RACIST MURDERERS.

I THINK THE LESS I SAY ABOUT INDIVIDUALS AND PERSONALITIES, THE MORE EFFECTIVE I WILL BE, OR TRY TO BE, AS A DIPLOMAT.

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I CERTAINLY DON'T APPROVE OF ANY OF THE PRACTICES OF IDI AMIN. I WOULD CERTAINLY DO WHATEVER I COULD IN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA OR IN THE CARIBBEAN -- HAITI, FOR INSTANCE, OR IN CHILE -- TO DO WHATEVER I COULD TO WORK FOR DEMOCRACY AND THE ELEVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

NOW THAT IS A DIFFICULT AND TOUCHY SUBJECT THOUGH AND I

DON'T THINK IT IS ADVANCED BY CASTIGATING THE PERSONALITIES OF THE LEADERSHIP INVOLVED.

MR. HUNT: WELL, YOU HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE INSTRUMENTS OF AMERICAN POWER BE USED TO RECTIFY MATTERS IN SOUTH AFRICA. DO YOU THINK THESE SAME INSTRUMENTS SHOULD BE USED TO RECTIFY MATTERS IN UGANDA?

MR. YOUNG: OH, CERTAINLY, WITHOUT HESITATION. I WOULD SAY THAT OUR POLICIES AND OUR EFFORTS SHOULD BE USED ALWAYS TO ADVANCE OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS. OUR NATIONAL INTEREST IS FREEDOM. CERTAINLY A LOT MORE THAN IT IS OIL, AND WHEREVER WE CAN ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, THE RESOURCES OF THIS NATION SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN THAT DIRECTION.

WHEN WE CAN'T, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD ALLOW OUR RESOURCES TO BE SQUANDERED BY CORRUPT GOVERNMENTS THAT DENY HUMAN RIGHTS AND ESPECIALLY USE THE MEANS THAT HAVE COME FROM AMERICAN TAXPAYERS TO TORTURE AND HUMILIATE THEIR CITIZENS.

MR. SHANNON: CONGRESSMAN, FROM WHAT YOU SAID A MOMENT AGO YOU WOULD NOT FAVOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. THIS HAS BEEN THE ISSUE IN THE LAST FEW INSTANCES WHERE THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD TO CAST A VETO IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THEN IN THEORY THAT WOULD PUT YOU IN THAT POSITION. YOU WOULD BE CAPABLE OF

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CASTING A VETO IN A SITUATIONS WHERE THE ENTIRE AFRICAN

BLOC HAS SUPPORTED SANCTIONS, AND THIS WOULDN'T BOTHER YOU?

MR. YOUNG: NO, I DIDN'T SAY THAT. IT WOULD BOTHER ME A GREAT DEAL. BUT WHAT I HOPE TO DO IS ASSUME A LEADERSHIP POSTURE IN THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD HAVE INITIATIVES TO OFFER THAT WOULD LEAD TOWARD MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA SO WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO HAVE THE KINDS OF RESOLUTIONS THAT COME UP, THAT REALLY AREN'T GOING TO DO BLACKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ANY GOOD BUT JUST REALLY ARE AN EXPRESSION OF THE FRUSTRATION OF NATIONS THAT WANT TO DO SOMETHING AND THAT HAD NOT BEEN GETTING LEADERSHIP FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I THINK IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION YOU WILL GET LEADERSHIP FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
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